

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 MIKE GLEASON Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman DOCKETED 3 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL Commissioner JEFF HATCH-MILLER 4 APR 16 2007 Commissioner KRISTIN K. MAYES 5 DOCKETED BY Commissioner **GARY PIERCE** 6 Commissioner 7 DOCKET NO. W-01717A-07-0114 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION 8 OF PONDEROSA UTILITY DECISION NO. __69415 9 CORPORATION'S REQUEST TO ADD A CONDITION TO ITS TARIFF 10 11 12 13 Open Meeting April 11 and 12, 2007 14 Phoenix, Arizona 15 BY THE COMMISSION: 16 On February 22, 2007, Ponderosa Utility Corporation ("Ponderosa" or "Company") filed a 17 tariff application, Docket No. W-01717A-07-0114, with the Arizona Corporation Commission 18 ("Commission") seeking to add a new condition to its existing tariff. 19 20 Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the 21 Commission finds, concludes, and orders that: 22 FINDINGS OF FACT 23 The condition that Ponderosa seeks to add to the service line and meter installation 1. 24 section is as follows: "If the cost to install a water service line is more than the amount authorized

2. The new condition is to meet the Coconino County standards when crossing roads, paved or unpaved, where these roads will need to be backfilled with slurry, compact tested, and

customer is responsible for paying the actual costs incurred by the utility for opening the road."

by the Commission, due to costs incurred by the utility for excavating an existing road, the

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repaved when pavement is removed. The Company is requesting authorization to charge customers the actual cost incurred to meet these County standards.

- 3. Staff recommends that a new condition be added to the service line and meter installation charges section by adding an asterisk to that section and the following note: "Plus road crossing cost to meet Coconino County standards." Staff believes this language provides a more accurate, succinct explanation to the Company's customers as to the basis for any cost differences from the Company's current tariff.
- 4. There is no need for a fair value finding or a rate case because the impact of the new condition is revenue neutral to the Company.
- 5. Staff recommends approval of its proposed new tariff condition to the Company's current tariff schedule.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Company is a public water service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§40-250 and 40-252.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Company and of the subject matter of the application.
- 3. It is in the public interest to add the condition to Ponderosa's tariff schedule because the condition is prudent, reasonable and allows the Company to recover only the additional costs incurred in crossing roads for installation.

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